2. Maximum material on Science should be gievn a place in newspapers and journals. For this purpose, regular columns on Science related subjects could be started.

3. For encouraging talent in Science writing the following measures are suggested :

(a) On the pattern of IIT, Kanpur creative writing centres should be set up in other technical institutions also. Journals on Science and Literature should be brought out in Hindi and other Indian Languages.

(b) Teaching of the subject of improvement of skill of communication should be incorporated at degree and post graduate levels in Engineering, medicine and Basic Sciences.

(c) In the syllabus of Fine Art Colleges, Paintings on Science related subjects should also be included ;

(d) Workshop may be organised for Science writers and Science Artists.

4. With a view to encouraging Science writters and Translators, the Following suggestions are made :

(a) Greater financial assistance should be provided to the writers for preparing manuscripts on Science related subjects, undertaking journies, interviews, collection of reference literature and stationery, typing etc.

(b) The rate of honorarium forf Science Written and Translators should be uniform in so far as Science Writing in English and other Indian languages is concerned.

(c) There should be a provision for honouring the expert who gives guidance to writers for Science writing on technical subjects.

5. Research and Training Centres should be set up for authentic Science writing. Such Centres should be provided with the following facilities :—

(a) Science writers work stations should be made available for all Indian languages. Such stations should be equipped with facilities like word processing, data bank, management, Software for improvement in the style dictionaries for idioms, Software of evaluation for the writings.

(b) Facilities for the evaluation of training and manuscripts should be available.

(c) Books and journals on popular Science literature and History of Indian Science should be made available.

(d) Journals may be published for the review of World Science Literature.

(e) Books should be brought out on the knowhow of Science and Technical writing.

(f) The centre should survey and study the response of the writers.

6. With a view to encouraging translators of popular Science literature, there should be a provision for training, adequate honorarium and proper recognition.

7. Popular Science writing should be simple, clear, understandable and interesting. As far as possible contribution made by the Indian Scientists should find a mention.

8. Norms and procedures for the evaluation of Science Literature should be laid down.

9. The selection of subjects and production of Science literature should be keeping in view the demands of general readers, voluntary organisations, State and Central Governments.

Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mascow

1451. SHRI RAGHAVJI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the first principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow, during his tenure had allegedly received over-payments on different counts ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps takin to recover the over-payments against the erring principal ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Audit has osberved that the Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow, is a non-representational grade officer but has drawn foreign allowance at par with the First Secretary of the Embassy (who is a representational grade officer).

(c) The matter is being processed for settlement.

Science books in Hindi

1452. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the mechanism to ensure proper coordination for preparation, publication and distribution of science books in Hindi and other Indian languages among NBT, DAVP, NCERT, CSIR, etc;

(b) what efforts have been made to ensure harmony in their pricing; and

(c) what are the details of the programmes of these organisations to bring out science videos and software package in Indian Languages ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में विश्वविद्यालय

1453. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में एक अलग विश्वविद्यालय खोलने का विचार है क्योंकि यह भारत की मुख्य भूमि से दूर है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ; और

(ग) क्या इस विश्वविद्यालय में होलिस्टिक साइंस, टेकनालाजी और मैडिकल साइंस के अध्ययन पर बल दिया जाएगा ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद की पाठ्य पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन

1454. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद की पाठ्य-पुस्तकों के मूल्यांकन की क्या व्यवस्था है ;

(ख) इस मूल्यांकन में प्राथमिक स्तर के विज्ञान और भाषा शिक्षण पुस्तकों की प्रति शतता कितनी है; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "ना" है, तो क्या सरकार सभी स्तरों की पाठ्य पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन एक स्वतंत्र समिति द्वारा कराए जाने के लिए एक मूल्यांकन पद्धति विकसित करने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार इसके पाठ्य पुस्तकों के मूल्यांकन के लिए इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था है :—

(i) व्यापक प्रश्नमालाओं और शिक्षक तथा विशेषज्ञों के मूल्यांकन कार्यशालाओं द्वारा अध्यापकों विशेषज्ञों और छात्रों से पुनर्निवेश

(ii) संशोधित संस्करण निकाले जाने से पूर्व पाठ्य पुस्तकों का समय समय पर गहन अध्ययन ।